(a) since when the persons belonging to the minority communities have been migrating from the Kashmir Valley;

(b) the total number of Kashmiri Pandit and Kashmir Muslim refugees at present, separately;

(c) the number of Kashmir refugees who willingly went back to Kashmir during the last six months;

(d) whether any scheme has been formulated for sending the refuges back to Kashmir ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI .M.M. JACOB): (a) to (e). Noticeable migration of persons beloging to the minority communities in the Valley started in the beginning of the year 1990. By january, 1992 about 40, 000 families were registered in Jammu as migrants whereas in Delhi, over 18, 000 families were registered. Of these, the number of Muslim families registered in Jammu and Delhi were 332 and 62 respectively.

There is no significant movement of Kashmir migrants to the Valley for permanent stay there.

Government have stepped up efforts to contain terrorism and vigil on the border. It is hoped that the migrants will reutrun to their homes in the Valley with the improvement in situation over there.

[*Translation*]

Oil and Gas Reserves in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

4840. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plans have been formulated by the Indian Oil Corporation to explore oil and natural gas in some regions of Madhay Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places identified for the availability of oil and natural gas so far?

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKRAND): (a) to (c). Indian Oil Corporation Limited is not engaged in exploration for oil and gas.

[*English*]

Mritime Strategy with littoral States in the Indian Ocean

4841. SHRI SANT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) India's stand on the presence of great powers in the Indian Ocean;

(b) whether Indian hnd evolved any maritime stateg for cooperation with the littoral States in the Indian Ocean;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not , the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXRERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) India stands committed to the objectives of the UN Declration on the Indian Oean as a Zone of Peace adopted in 1971.

(b) to (d). Due to their diversity of perceptions and interests a common marltime strategy or plan amongst the littoral states in not feasible at present. However, Govern-